



Editor's Review of the Pocket Pro™ Hands Free Light Source

About the Pocket Pro™

The Pocket Pro is a device taking Police, Fire, EMS and Military communities by storm. Originally introduced as the Quiklite, it allows the user to have a hands free light source. To these groups the difference between having a hand free and not, in times of an emergency situation, can be the difference between life and death. The makers of this device are just now introducing it to the outdoors community under the name of the Pocket Pro. It undoubtedly will be a huge hit to the outdoors person.

Specifications

The Pocket Pro is one of the smallest light sources available. Comparable in size to a stick of Chap Stick, it attaches easily to your shirt, or jacket pocket. It offers a rotating light arm that adjusts to the angle of your choice. When not in use the light arm closes to a flat position. The Pocket Pro comes with a super brilliant LED bulb available in white, blue, red and green. It also comes with two lithium batteries which according to the manufacturer provide up to 40 hours of continuous use. It even has a built-in 5 minute, on/off battery saving device. Last, but not least it offers an instant on/off button.

My initial thoughts.

When I opened the small package I wasn't sure what to think. The Pocket Pro was smaller and lighter than they said. How could something so small provide the kind of light someone needs out in the field. I turned the Pocket Pro on and could tell the small light was powerful, but didn't get the full affect until I closed the blinds and turned off the lights in my office. To my surprise the light was not only more powerful than expected, but also very bright. What I liked best about the light was the beam was spread out unlike many of the smaller flashlights on the market that have a very concentrated beam. The particular Pocket Pro they sent me offered the green bulb that is most popular for hunters.

In the Field

I decided to give the Pocket Pro a good workout by taking it with me on my first scouting trip of the year. For my venture I decided to return to the same stand I hunted the first day of buck last year. My stand is about 600 yards away from where I park the truck and the walk in presents all sorts of different adventures. Since I like to monitor natural deer movements I arrived to start the day of scouting well before daylight. I placed the Pocket Pro on the pocket of my flannel and away I went. My first thought was how much nicer this was than last year. I am the type of hunter that prefers to make the trip in before light, and only come out after the sun has set. Because I don't move from stand to stand I'm forced to take a lot of gear with me including a knap sack with food, water, ammo, along with additional clothes in case the weather changes. Add in a rifle, and many layers of

clothing and you begin to feel more like a pack mule than someone about to enjoy a day of hunting. Anything that can lighten the load is a winner.

The small light lit the path in front of me well out to a distance of about twelve feet. Remember for its size it's very powerful, but isn't designed to be the type of light you can shoot off into the distance, but it covers what I will call your "personal space" very well. Many of my trail markers were either blown away, or just covered up by last year's winter. Even so I was able to quickly find my way to the stand with very little trouble.

A Surprise

The particular stand I was going to is a wooden permanent stand we put up just before last season. This is where I found the Pocket Pro to be a huge asset. In past years for climbing up to my stand I would often shove my flashlight in my coat pocket in hopes I would get some light out of it. Given the choice I would much rather have my hands free than carrying a flashlight while climbing into my stand. The Pocket Pro was a huge surprise, I simply adjusted its arm up higher and it lit my way as I climbed all completely hands free. Once up there I didn't have to make the choice of either throwing my flashlight down to the ground and making a huge thud, or having it in the way in my tree stand all day. I merely turned it off. I'm often using my flashlight during deer season to warn others of my presence once in stand. It never fails that after you get in your stand another hunter will come along not seeing you there and begin to setup stand close by. The Pocket Pro will perform this service nicely.

Everyday uses

The Pocket Pro is so small I've been carrying it my pocket for everyday use. It's amazing how often you need a light and try to get by without one. I've used it several times in the last week from hooking up some stereo equipment to locating pieces of an open box deep within an open trailer. I'm sold on it. Another safety measure the Pocket Pro will help me with is in loading my rifle, or shotgun before first light. With the Pocket Pro turned on all I'll need to do is move the swing arm down to give full visibility of the loading process.

Summary

I like this little light a lot. It eliminates weight from my hunting and fishing gear which to me is its biggest benefit. It also increases safety by lighting the way without tying up one of my hands. There are endless uses for such a small, powerful device from climbing into your tree stand to just giving an assist while tying a line.

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